



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 4987

Dear Mr. Duffy:

On July 19, 2000, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in the complaint filed by your clients, the Reform Party, Patrick Buchanan, Buchanan Reform Committee, Pat Choate, and Angela Buchanan, dated March 21, 2000, and found that on the basis of the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the Commission on Presidential Debates, there is no reason to believe that the Commission on Presidential Debates and Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, as Co-Chairmen, violated 2 U.S.C. § 433, 2 U.S.C. § 434, 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). The Commission also found, on the basis of the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the Democratic National Committee, that there is no reason to believe that the Democratic National Committee, and Andrew Tobias, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). Finally, the Commission found, on the basis of information in the complaint, and information provided by the Republican National Committee, that there is no reason to believe that the Republican National Committee, and Alex Poitevint, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 and 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

Accordingly, on July 19, 2000, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A copy of the First General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report